

Response to Election of Species Requirement  
Application No. 10/699,704  
Attorney Docket No. 032073

**REMARKS**

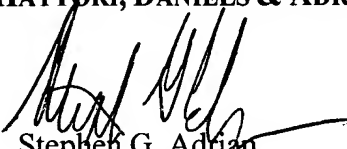
Claim 1-12 has been cancelled in favor of new claims 13-25.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species I, Fig. 4. It is believed that claims 13 and 14 read on the elected species. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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